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SUMMARY: IMPLICATIONS OF US-SPAIN AGREEMENT BARRING STORAGE OF NUCLEARS ON SPANISH SOIL CAUGHT ATTENTION OF OPPOSITION AND PRESS HERE CONCURRENT WITH DIET NORMALIZATION AND OPENING OF DEBATE ON NPT. IN DIET DEBATE PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA OPPOSED THE SEEKING OF SIMILAR ASSURANCES FROM THE US ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH ASSURANCES WERE PROVIDED VIA THE SECURITY TREATY AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT JAPAN'S THREE NON NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES ARE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN SPANISH FORMULATION. MIKI UNAMBIGUOUSLY STATED THAT PASSAGE OF NUCLEAR ARMS THROUGH JAPANESE LAND, SEA, OR AIR WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN QUICKLY BEGAN TO FOCUS ON IMPLICATIONS OF THE SPANISH TREATY WHICH WERE "DISCOVERED" HERE APRIL 23 (REFTEL) SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE NORMALIZATION OF THE DIET. IN
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A DEBATE ON THE NPT BILL PENDING BEFORE THE LOWER HOUSE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON APRIL 23, JSP MEMBER KAWAKAMI STATED THAT THE SPANISH TREATY EVIDENCES A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CONFIRMING OR DENYING THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA RESPONDED THAT THE GOJ HAD ALREADY RECEIVED AN EXPLANATION FROM THE U.S. SIDE IN WHICH THE SPANISH TREATY FORMULATION WAS ADMITTED TO BE A FIRST, BUT THE U.S. HAD EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE BASIC POLICY OF NEITHER CONFIRMING OR DENYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRESENCE. HE SAID THE SPANISH TREATY LANGUAGE WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE B-52 CRASH IN SPAIN. MIYAZAWA STATED THAT SINCE THE SPANISH TREATY APPLIES ONLY TO LAND, IT IS RATHER LIMITED WHEN COMPARED TO JAPAN'S THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES (NON-PRODUCTION, NON-POSSESSION, NON-INTRODUCTION) WHICH INCLUDE TERRITORIAL SEAS AND AIRSPACE.

2. KAWAKAMI WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS THE ONLY NUCLEAR VICTIM COUNTRY, JAPAN SHOULD DEMAND A COMPARABLE AGREEMENT AND HE ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW. MIKI REPLIED THAT JAPAN'S THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES ARE WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND THE U.S. WILL NOT IGNORE THEM.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY JCP DIETMAN MATSUMOTO, MIKI AFFIRMED THAT (A) THE GOJ INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE THREE NON NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES IN PEACETIME AND IN WARTIME AND (B) QTE THE CASE OF TRANSIT OF JAPANESE WATERS OR AIRSPACE BY SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD CONSTITUTE INTRODUCTION (KAKU MOCHI KOMI NI ATARI) AND WOULD NATURALLY BE THE OBJECT OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS. UNQTE. (OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE NOW FOCUSING ON THESE CLAUSES IN DEVELOPMENT OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCOMPANY THE NPT (SEPTEL)).

4. IN A SEPARATE PUBLIC STATEMENT, KOMEITO DIETMAN KUROYANAGI STATED HE BELIEVED NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO SUCH BASES AS IWAKUNI, YOKOTA, AND YOKOSUKA AND THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS WAS THE CASE UNLESS THESE BASES WERE DISMANTLED OR A TREATY BANNING U.S. IMPORT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN WAS CONCLUDED. IN EDITORIAL REACTIONS, THE ASAHI AND YOMIURI HAVE CALLED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. TO CLARIFY WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN JAPAN, AND WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE FUNDAMENTAL NUCLEAR DISCLOSURE POLICY OF THE U.S.

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5. COMMENT: THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE PROVIDED THE GOJ REGARDING ABSENCE OF CHANGE IN OUR FUNDAMENTAL DISCLOSURE POLICY HAVE BEEN USEFUL, FOR EXAMPLE IN FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S RESPONSE ABOVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REITERATE THIS POLICY AS REQUIRED, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PRESSURES FOR SIMILAR ASSURANCES TO THOSE GIVEN SPAIN WILL CONTINUE TO ARISE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER.
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